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Contract

Bean Road Tunnel

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice
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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049b9d
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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME141XQ

Contact

Laura Garay

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.kent.gov.uk/

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Bean Road Tunnel

Reference number

SC250102

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (KCC) are awarding a contract for the delivery of the Bean Road Tunnel scheme. This contract is being awarded to 1 supplier.

This project is part of a wider programme of works under the Fastrack programme, which has been identified as being critical to the sustainable delivery of Kent Thameside. Fastrack is fundamentally a transport project, and Kent County Council as the local Highway and Transport Authority is responsible for delivery of the Fastrack network.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £18,572,174.54

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Two haulage tunnels previously constructed through the chalk spine supporting B255 Bean Road to facilitate earthworks movements during the construction of Bluewater Shopping Centre during the mid-1990's, still exist and are suitable to form a new direct connection. As part of the highway infrastructure for Eastern Quarry a residential road network will be constructed that crosses the Fastrack Spine Road and will link to the existing Hedge End roundabout on Bean Road at the Northern edge of Bluewater. This route could be made available for Fastrack by moving from the dedicated Fastrack Spine Road to shared use residential roads. The most obvious connection is a continuation of the dedicated Fastrack Spine Road through a tunnel under B255 Bean Road going directly into the Bluewater road infrastructure and bus interchange.

Fastrack Bean Road Tunnel is broadly a new 75m long tunnel (technically an underpass due to short length) through the chalk spine under the B255 Bean Road between Whitecliffe (former Eastern Quarry) and Bluewater Shopping Centre, serving to directly connect the shopping centre to the new Whitecliffe development and Ebbsfleet International Railway Station. It will form part of the Fastrack bus rapid transit system within Kent Thameside. The tunnel will house a 3.5m wide Bi-directional Fastrack busway linking Whitecliffe and Bluewater, as well as providing a combined footway / cycleway and footway linking the Whitecliffe and Bluewater as part of the Ebbsfleet Garden City green corridor network.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: 2024/S 000-029734

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 December 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Erith Contractors Limited

Erith

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

1102060

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £18,572,174.54

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom